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ISSNIP Projects
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government implements the ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services Scheme) Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) with financial assistance of the World Bank(WB)/International Development Association (IDA) to supplement ICDS programmes;

(b) if so, details thereof indicating the districts selected thereunder and the criteria adopted therefor;

(c) the financial assistance received from WB/IDA for the purpose alongwith the funds released to the States/UTs therefrom for the implementation of the project during the last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise; and

(d) the manner in which the project is helpful in eradication of malnutrition from the country along with the success achieved thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing the International Development Association (IDA) assisted ICDS Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) in 162 high malnutrition Districts of 08 (eight) States of the country. The list of the Districts covered under the project is at Annexure-I. Most of these districts have been selected through ranking of 548 districts for which nutritional status information was available from the second round of District Level Household Survey (DLHS-2: 2002-04), using a composite index comprising two parameters, viz. (i) proportion of children below six years who are underweight, and (ii) anaemia level among pregnant women of age 15-44 years.

(c) International Development Association (IDA) has disbursed an amount of Rs.126.64 Crore under the project, so far. Release of funds to States during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.
(d) The project aims at strengthening the ICDS programme framework through incorporating Information & Communication Technology enabled Real Time Monitoring (ICT-RTM), instituting the mechanism of capacity building of front line functionaries in Incremental Learning Approach and organising Community Based Events (CBE) at Aanganwadi Centres for bringing nutritional behaviour change in community. ICDS is one of the most important programmes in the country to address the issue of malnutrition in children up to 6 years of age group, pregnant women and lactating mothers by providing nutrition and health services to the beneficiaries from Anganwadi platform. ISSNIP envisages strengthening the ICDS Service Delivery System for better nutritional outcomes.
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